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For : SYSTEM FOR COUPLING PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC  
DEVICE TO EXTERNAL CIRCUITRY WHICH SELECTS A  
LOGIC STANDARD AND USES BUFFERS TO MODIFY  
OUTPUT AND INPUT SIGNALS ACCORDINGLY

Group Art Unit : 2819

Examiner : Daniel D. Chang

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

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These references are also listed on the attached Form  
PTO-1449, and copies of them are enclosed.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
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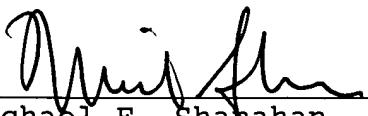
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